

Dulles Frequently Visited Lake, City

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Former C.I.A. Director Allen W. Dulles, who died at the age of 75 Wednesday in Georgetown university hospital, Washington, was a native and boyhood resident of Watertown and a frequent visitor to Watertown and Henderson Harbor.

His elder brother, the late John Foster Dulles, secretary of state under former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, was not a native of this city, but spent the first 16 years of his life here. Both Allen W. and John Foster Dulles had their "real roots" in Watertown and regarded this city as their "real home."

Allen Welsh Dulles was born in this city in 1893, the second son of the late Rev. Dr. Allen Macy and Edith Foster Dulles. He spent the first eleven years of his life in Watertown, where his father was the pastor of the First Presbyterian church from 1888 to 1904. His brother, John Foster, however, was born in Washington, D.C., Feb. 25, 1888, his mother having returned to the parental home in the nation's capital for his birth.

Five Children

Allen Dulles was one of five children. His three sisters, Mrs. Deane (Margaret J.) Edwards, Rye, N.Y.; Dr. Eleanor Lansing Dulles, McLean, Va.; and Mrs. James S. (Nataline) Seymour, New Hartford, N.Y., survive. The brother, John Foster, died May 24, 1959 in the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington at the age of 71.

Also surviving are his widow, Mrs. Martha Clover Todd Dulles; a son, Allen Macy Dulles of Washington; two daughters, Mrs. Clover Dulles Johnson of New York city and Mrs. Joan Bureson Zurich, Switzerland.

Mr. Dulles was a grandson of former secretary of state, John Watson Foster, who served in the cabinet of

World War I cabinet, and the brother of a third, John Foster Dulles.

The Dulles family has had close ties with Watertown and northern New York since the fall of 1887 when the father, Rev. Dr. Allen M. Dulles, moved with his family from a Detroit, Mich., Presbyterian pastorate to be formally installed as the pastor of the First Presbyterian church Nov. 17, 1887.

Houses in City

The Dulles family lived first in a house at 162 Clinton street that served as the manse of the church. After the birth of the fifth child, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Dulles sought a larger house, so in 1897 Rev. Dr. Dulles had a new home built at 4 Mullin street—later No. 124—at his own expense. His salary as pastor had been increased from \$2,400 to \$3,000 a year.

The family continued to live in the Mullin street house until leaving Watertown in October, 1904, and moving to Auburn. Rev. Dr. Dulles, resigning the Watertown pastorate, became a professor at the Auburn Theological seminary. Allen W. Dulles was then eleven years old.

It was in Auburn that both Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Dulles died—he on Nov. 13, 1930, and she on June 8, 1941.

Like his brother, John Foster, Allen W. Dulles received his first education in public schools here, since their parents could not afford to send them to private schools.

Henderson Harbor

Both the Dulles and Foster families had summer homes at Henderson Harbor. Since both of his daughters, Edith, wife of Rev. Dr. Dulles, and Eleanor, wife of Robert Lansing, were married to Watertown residents, General Foster—the maternal grandfather of John Foster and Allen W. Dulles—had decided to have a summer home in this area. Consequently, he purchased a substantial plot at Henderson Harbor, built the residence there in 1890 and for years he and his family occupied it as their

summer home. The Dulles family had its own summer home nearby.

The original Foster summer home, now known as "Underbluff," is the property

of John B. Johnson, editor and publisher of The Watertown Daily Times, and family. It became the property of the Fosters' younger daughter, Mrs. Lansing, after General and Mrs. Foster died, and the Lansings occupied it as their summer retreat. The late Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Johnson, the parents of John B. Johnson, purchased it in April, 1937, from the estate of Mrs. Robert Lansing, and they occupied it until they died.

The Dulles summer home, built and for years occupied by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Dulles, became known as "Greyledge," now the property of Allen W. Dulles' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Seymour of Utica, its present occupants. Allen W. Dulles used to play there as a boy and during the past several years, he, with his wife, have been summer visitors there as guests of the Seymours for a number of weeks at a time. Mr. and Mrs. Dulles visited there as recently as last summer.

Religious Training

Like his brother, J. Foster, and his sisters, Mr. Dulles was brought up in strict religious training, at home and in the First Presbyterian church. Since he was born in an atmosphere of international politics, it was natural that he should enter diplomatic service after his graduation from Princeton in 1914.

Mr. Dulles was a resident of Auburn at the time he married Miss Martha Clover Todd of New York and Norfolk, Conn. The ceremony was performed in Baltimore, Md., on Oct. 16, 1920. She was a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Alfred Todd and had been engaged in overseas war work. At the time of the marriage, he had just been promoted to the rank of first secretary of embassy.